

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A print auditing network, comprising:
 - a client that originates a print job for printing, the print job including parametric data associated with the print job;
 - a printer in data communication with the client that is employed to print the print job, the print job being transmitted from the client to the printer;
 - a print job aggregator in data communication with the client and the printer;
 - a client agent executed in the client to provide a first report of the parametric data associated with the print job to the print job aggregator; and
 - a print agent executed in the printer to provide a second report of the parametric data associated with the print job to the print job aggregator after the print job is finished printing, where the print job aggregator stores the first and second reports of the parametric data in a memory.
2. (Original) The print auditing network of claim 1, further comprising:
 - a print server in data communication with the client, the printer and the print job aggregator; and
 - a print server agent executed in the print server to provide a third report of the parametric data associated with the print job to the print job aggregator.
3. (Original) The print auditing network of claim 1, wherein the parametric data is included in a header associated with the print job.
4. (Original) The print auditing network of claim 2, wherein the parametric data is included in a header associated with the print job.

5. (Original) The print auditing network of claim 4, wherein a globally unique identifier is associated with each of the first, second, and third reports of the parametric data and the globally unique identifier is the same in the first, second and third reports.

6. (Original) The print auditing network of claim 4, wherein:

the client agent provides the first report of the parametric data to the print job aggregator by transmitting a copy of the header of the print job to the print job aggregator before the print job is transmitted from the client to the print server;

the print server agent provides the third report of the parametric data to the print job aggregator by transmitting a copy of the header to the print job aggregator before the print job is transmitted to the printer;

the printer agent provides the second report of the parametric data to the print job aggregator by transmitting the header to the print job aggregator after the print job is finished printing.

7. (Original) The print auditing network of claim 6, wherein:

the client agent is further configured to update the parametric data in the header of the print job;

the printer server is further configured to update the parametric data in the header of the print job; and

the printer agent is further configured to update the parametric data in the header of the print job.

8. (Previously Presented) A method for auditing a print job within a network, the method comprising:

originating a print job in a client to be printed;

associating parametric data with the print job, the parametric data describing the print job;

transmitting a first report of the parametric data from the client to a print job aggregator;

transmitting the print job from the client to a printer;

printing the print job in the printer; and

transmitting a second report of the parametric data from the printer to the print job aggregator after the print job is printed by the printer.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising updating the parametric data of the print job in the printer during printing.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein transmitting the print job from the client to the printer further comprises:

transmitting the print job from the client to a print server that is in data communication with the client;

transmitting the print job from the print server to the printer that is in data communication with the print server; and

the method further comprising transmitting a third report of the parametric data from the print server to the print job aggregator.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising including the parametric data in a header associated with the print job.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the first report of parametric data, the second report of parametric data, and the third report of parametric data include the same globally unique identifier.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein:

the transmitting of the first report of the parametric data from the client to the print job aggregator further comprises transmitting a copy of the header of the print job from the client to the print job aggregator; and

the transmitting of the third report of the parametric data from the print server to the print job aggregator further comprises transmitting a copy of the header of the print job from the print server to the print job aggregator; and

the transmitting of the second report of the parametric data from the printer to the print job aggregator further comprises transmitting a copy of the header of the print job to the print job aggregator.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprises recording the use of consumables employed in the printing of a document of the print job prior to transmitting the second report of the parametric data to the print job aggregator.

15. – 24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) A print auditing network, comprising:

a client that originates a print job for printing, the print job including parametric data associated with the print job;

a printer in data communication with the client that is employed to print the print job, the print job being transmitted from the client to the printer;

a print job aggregator in data communication with the client and the printer;

means in the client for providing a first report of the parametric data associated with the print job to the print job aggregator; and

means in the printer for providing a second report of the parametric data associated with the print job to the print job aggregator after the print job is finished printing, where the print job aggregator stores the first and second reports of the parametric data in a memory.

26. (Original) The print auditing network of claim 25, further comprising:

a print server in data communication with the client, the printer and the print job aggregator; and

means in the print server for providing a third report of the parametric data associated with the print job to the print job aggregator.

27. (Original) The print auditing network of claim 25, wherein the parametric data is included in a header associated with the print job.

28. (Original) The print auditing network of claim 26, wherein the parametric data is included in a header associated with the print job.

29. (Original) The print auditing network of claim 28, wherein a globally unique identifier is associated with each of the first, second, and third reports of the parametric data and the globally unique identifier is the same in the first, second and third reports.